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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Hirofumi ENDO et al.

Serial No : 09/869,334  
(National Stage of PCT/JP00/00472)

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For : PROCESS FOR PRODUCING HMG-CoA REDUCTASE INHIBITORS

**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE  
DATED OCTOBER 31, 2001 AND STATEMENT THAT THE  
CONTENT OF THE PAPER AND COMPUTER READABLE  
COPIES ARE THE SAME**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notification of Defective Response dated October 31, 2001, Applicants note that paper and computer readable forms of nucleotide and amino acid sequence listings are being filed herewith. Inasmuch as the one-month period for response was set in the Notification of Defective Response to expire on November 30, 2001, this response is being filed in a timely manner. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees, such as any necessary extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.821(f), the undersigned hereby states that the information recorded in the computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing.

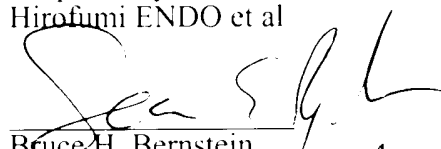
Applicants hereby state that the submission, filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.821(h), herein does not include new matter.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that the objection to the sequence listing should be withdrawn, and Applicants respectfully request an action on the merits for the present application.

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If there are any comments or questions, the undersigned may be contacted at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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